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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 8 LETTER FROM MOROCCON PERM
REP TO SYG, ENCLOSING TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM MOROCCAN
KING HASSAN II TO PRESIDENT FRANCO. BOTH LETTERS HAVE BEEN
CIRCULATED AS GA DOCUMENT.

"LETTER DATED 8 JULY 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER, FIRSTLY, TO THE PREVIOUS DECISIONS
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE QUESTION
OF THE SAHARA UNDER SPANISH DOMINATION, AND, SECONDLY,
TO THE PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS
YOU HAVE HAD WITH OR FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF THE CURRENT
TREND OF EVENTS, I HAVE THE HONOUR, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM
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MY GOVERNMENT, TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU HEREWITH SOME ADDITIONAL

DETAILS AND THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE WHICH HAS JUST BEEN
ADDRESSED BY HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II TO GENERALISSIMO
FRANCO, HEAD OF THE SPANISH STATE.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING IN THIS TERRITORY A POLICY
WHICH IS DECIDED UPON AND PUT INTO EFFECT UNILATERALLY
WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION FOR THE TRUE INTERESTS OF THE
PEOPLE. THIS POLICY IS BASED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH
ORGANS AS THE DJAMAA, OR LOCAL ASSEMBLY TOTALLY SUBSERVIENT TO IT,
AND ON THE CONTINUATION OF A PROCESS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE
FAITS ACCOMPLIS WHICH WILL CONSOLIDATE THE FOREIGN HOLD
OVER THIS REGION, ITS PEOPLE AND ITS WEALTH FOR A LONG TIME
TO COME.

THIS PROCESS HAS LATELY BEEN ONCE AGAIN ACCELERATED, TO THE
DETRIMENT OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF ANY INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION. THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT
HAS RECENTLY CONFIRMED THAT THE MEASURES WHICH HAVE JUST
BEEN OR ARE BEING TAKEN ARE THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE
NEW TREND IN SPAIN'S COLONIAL POLICY.

SINCE THE QUESTION OF THE SAHARA UNDER SPANISH DOMINATION IS
STILL BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
I WOULD REQUEST YOU TO CIRCULATE THE TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE
AS AN OFFICIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCUMENT.

(SIGNED) MEHDI MRANI ZENTAR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE"

"ANNEX

TEXT OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED BY HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II
TO GENERALISSIMO FRANCO, HEAD OF THE SPANISH STATE

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

THE CONVERSATION WHICH MR. CORTINA, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, HAD WITH OUR AMBASSADOR TO YOUR EXCELLENCY SUGGESTS
TO US THAT SPAIN IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A NEW POLICY IN THE
SAHARA UNDER ITS ADMINISTRATION.

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WE FEEL OBLIGED TO STATE THAT, IF THIS SHOULD PROVE TO
BE THE CASE, THE CONSEQUENCE WOULD BE A PROFOUND DETERIORATION
IN OUR RELATIONS, SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS AVOIDED
BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEF THAT, BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO,
THE IMPERATIVES OF NEIGHBOURLINESS AND THE HIGHER INTERESTS
WHICH WE HAVE IN COMMON SHOULD SPARE US MISUNDERSTANDINGS
AND CLASHES.

ANY UNILATERAL ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY SPAIN IN SAHARAN
TERRITORY WOULD NECESSARILY OBLIGE US TO SAFEGUARD OUR
LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, OUR GOVERNMENT AND OURSELVES, RESERVING
OUR RIGHT TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.

WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL BE
ABLE, ONCE AGAIN, IN CONCERT WITH US, TO PRESERVE THE AGE-
OLD FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WHICH CONSTITUTES,
BOTH FOR SPAIN AND FOR MOROCCO, A HERITAGE WORTHY OF BEING
THE GUARANTEE OF OUR COMMON FUTURE.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF OUR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

HASSAN II, KING OF MOROCCO"
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